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Fig. 2 presents an apparatus according to the invention arranged in a tunnel, and[[.]]

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Please add the following paragraph before page 4, line 25 (as numbered):

Fig. 3 is an exploded view of a second spraying head with a protective element pre-activated by release from the spraying head.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21 (as numbered) with:

In FIG. 1, we can assume that a signal has been received from a detector 17 in fire zone 4. This causes the valve elements 16 to open, allowing the extinguishing medium to flow into the transverse pipeline 5. As the pump in the pump unit 1 is pumping the extinguishing medium into pipeline 3, the extinguishing medium flows into the transverse pipeline 5, where the protective cups of the spraying heads 6 are released and the spraying heads 6 start spraying the extinguishing medium, forming a transverse curtain 7 of extinguishing medium, especially a curtain of a mist of extinguishing medium. Instead of the spraying heads producing a curtain of extinguishing medium or in addition to them, it is also possible to activate other spraying heads 13 during the first stage, depending on the application. In FIG. 1, there are spraying heads 13 arranged on the central pipeline 10. At the same time, the system pre-activates and at least some of the protective elements, such as protective cups, of the second spraying heads 11, 12 are released. The protective element covers at least one nozzle and/or heat-activated triggering means of the spraying head. The second spraying heads 11, 12 typically comprise a heat-activated triggering element, which releases the spraying head to produce a spray of extinguishing medium. The second spraying